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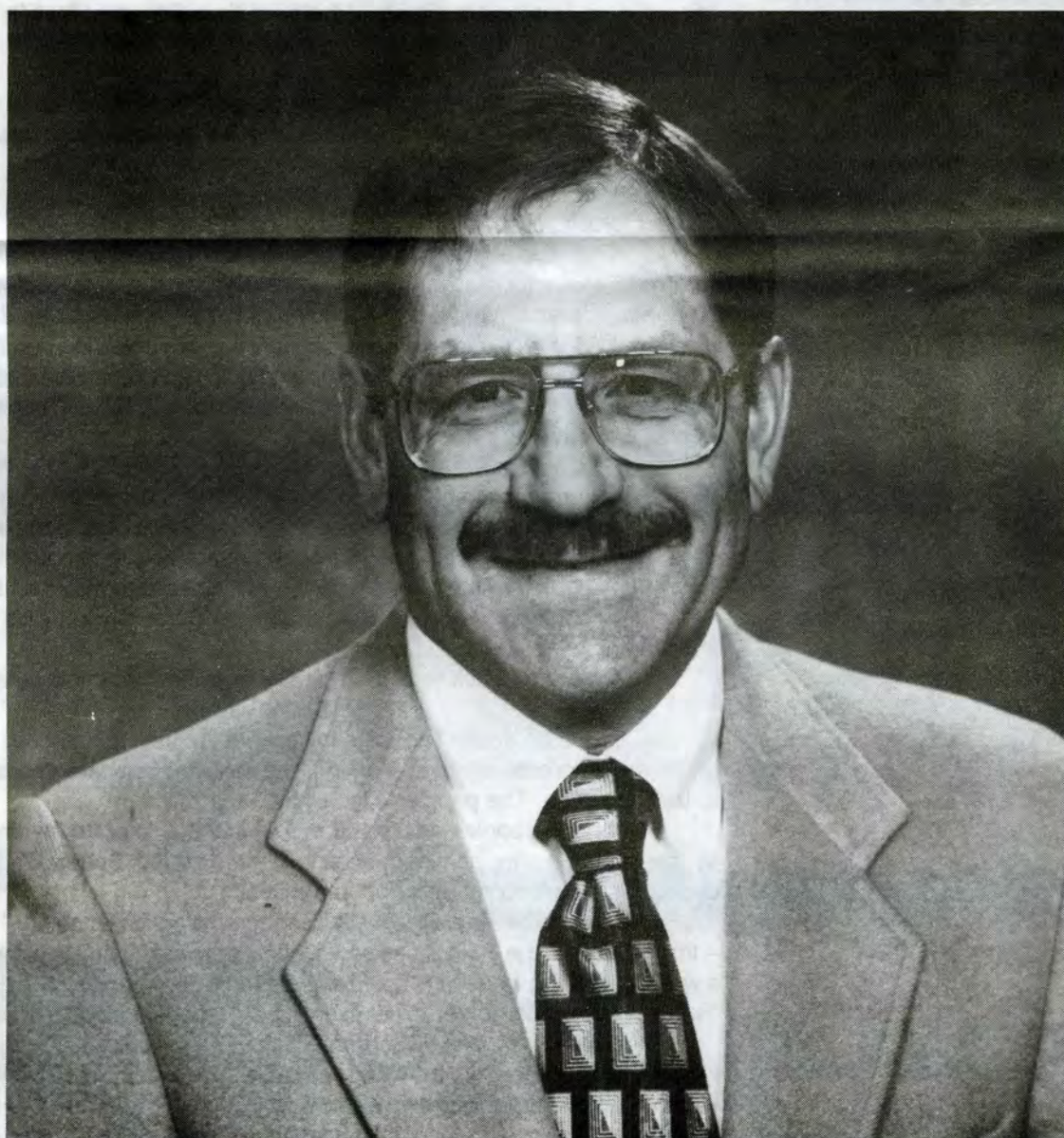
--UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman

**The University of Minnesota, Morris announces
the appointment of
Dr. Samuel Schuman as UMM Chancellor**

University of Minnesota President Mark Yudof announced in February that Dr. Samuel Schuman, who had served UMM as its interim chancellor for two years, would be the next chancellor for the Morris campus.

In making the announcement, President Yudof stated that Schuman had "performed brilliantly" in his role as interim chancellor and that he combines "leadership, vision and devotion to liberal arts that will serve the campus well in the years ahead."

In response to his new call, Schuman stated:
"I'm absolutely delighted."



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"This is the only place I want to be"

"I want what everyone wants -- that (UMM) should remain a deliberately small, academically rigorous, focused, fine public liberal arts college. The word 'public' is as important as is the phrase 'liberal arts.'"

Here is an excerpt from comments Sam Schuman shared with the Regents on March 10:

"Working together, all of us, we have brought UMM to the enviable position it holds today as the best public liberal arts college in America. My promise to you is to work as hard and as well as I possibly can to maintain the gains we have made in past history, and to honor and cherish our accomplishments. And, it is our restless aspiration and our realistic strategy never to stop struggling to become better and better and better."

"Forty years ago, a remarkable band of citizens, legislators and educators made what must have seemed a wild prairie fantasy into the reality of a wondrous liberal arts college of the University of Minnesota in Morris. The same year I entered college -- in the soft Southland of Grinnell, Iowa -- our first students took the incredible gamble of opening UMM."

As we behold that incredible legacy, it seems to me today that if we remain true to our mission, true to our best, there is nothing we cannot do in the coming years for UMM together."

On March 10, the University Board of Regents approved the appointment of Sam Schuman as chancellor of the Morris campus.

What kind of man and administrator will now lead the campus? What are his plans for the campus' future?

Schuman lives and administers by three personal credos:

"To live simply..."

"As the grandson of an illiterate immigrant, I am not accustomed to nor do I desire a lot of luxury in life," said Schuman. "I like working in the garden, taking a run; my tastes are simple. Whatever it's called, my lifestyle is pretty modest...I ride a bike to school."

"To think complexly..."

"I went to a fine liberal arts college, and I've tried to refine that lesson, 'think complexly,' said Schuman, who believes "there's never a simple answer to a question...always keep asking, 'What haven't we thought about?'"

"To act forthrightly..."

Evidence of his forthright actions are, Schuman believes, in his originating a series of campus open forums for students, staff and faculty. In each session, to which different groups are invited, the following questions were considered: "What aren't we doing now that we should be doing?" "What are we doing now that we don't need to do?" and "What are we doing now that we could do better?"

Schuman believes that, in order to help him do his job effectively, people need to be forthright about their aspirations for the university and their concern about it. "I can't help solve problems and seize opportunities unless I know what they are," he said.

Schuman cited his specific goals for the future of the campus:

- to have spectacular success in the Campaign Minnesota effort: "We've never had a campaign of this size before -- a fund-raising goal of \$6 million for the Morris campus."
- to complete the Morris Science Project and to move on to other important physical improvements
- to settle into the semester system and PeopleSoft ("It's been an unnerving year with those external impositions; we need to get comfortable.") and
- we need to talk together about where all of us think we are going

Schuman doesn't hesitate to say that the best thing about UMM is its people. "Students are wonderfully bright and impressively hard-working," he said. "Faculty are dedicated and gifted; staff is capable and devoted to the institution. The people make UMM."

"I hope people understand my limitations, tolerate my imperfections, and remind themselves of some of the rather quirky challenges of this job," added Schuman, "that of balancing campus obligations and opportunities with community opportunities."

A day in the life of Chancellor Schuman is typically "quirky," with long hours -- 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; long drives -- three-hours to the Twin Cities several times a week; catching dinner at home with his wife, Nancy, maybe once a week (including weekends), and some sort of exercise everyday, even if it means getting up at 5:15 a.m. in the Twin Cities in order to get in his exercise before a full day's schedule of meetings.

In March and April, Schuman spent several weeks in St. Paul, at least a couple of days each week, lobbying with others from the Morris campus for the campus' \$8.2 million share of the University's budget request -- the final phase of the Morris Science Project -- vital improvements to the "old" science and mathematics building.

"It's been a fun two years as interim," said Schuman. "I'm gratified by the number of relationships we've built within and outside of the campus community -- a strong bond with the regents, the region, central administration" -- all comprise a network of people that Schuman has come to rely on.

As the fourth chancellor of the Morris campus, Schuman feels fortunate to have known two of his three chancellor predecessors -- Jack Imholte and Dave Johnson. "I respect and am fond of both," said Schuman. "They are different from me; I am different from them. I'm not as unfriendly as I look," quipped Schuman. "I do care deeply about this institution and my extended family. I care more deeply about my real family."

There is one thing, however, that all of UMM's top administrators have in common, said Schuman.

"Under all three previous administrators, and in the last couple of years," said Schuman, "UMM has held to its mission admirably, has made steady progress, and has become a better and better institution. At a moment when more opportunities are opening before us, UMM continues to stay the course."

"I'm impressed by our past, and excited by our future," said Schuman.

- Judy Riley



*The Inauguration of
Chancellor Sam Schuman
will be held
Thursday, September 7, 2000
at 5 p.m.*

Nancy Schuman: The woman *beside* the Chancellor

If you believed the old adage that "behind every man there's a good woman," perhaps the modern day version would be "*alongside* every chancellor, there's a faithful, unsalaried university associate." At UMM, that description more than fits Nancy Schuman, whose husband, Sam, is chancellor of the Morris campus.

Growing up in different areas of Chicago, the Schumans met at Grinnell College while performing in a play. Sam had to carry Nancy across the stage without benefit of his glasses, Nancy recalled. "I guess if the relationship could be that trusting early on, it was a good foundation for it." They married shortly following Nancy's graduation. She went on to graduate school in social work, received a master's degree from the University of Iowa, and began working while Sam completed his graduate studies.

"I'm a LICSW — licensed independent clinical social worker," explained Nancy. Although she has worked in a variety of different settings, she currently works part time as a psycho-therapist for Lakeland Mental Health in the Starbuck and Glenwood offices.

"My special area of interest right now is in working with older people; however, I have worked with kids at times and have worked with a variety of mental health issues," she said.

Working two days a week is just about right, said Nancy. "Particularly with Sam's new job, it gives me time to work with him, gives me a chance to enhance his role."

How does Nancy enhance Sam's role?

Times have changed slightly regarding the role for chief administrator's wives, Nancy believes.

"I want to be involved," she said, "but I have some professional skills that I want to use and will continue to use. I have my job and I think I *should* use the skills I have in that way." Nancy also wants to make the university a welcoming place. "I'm not a professional hostess, but I really do like to meet people, and will try to make them feel at home. We have a very small house, and we enjoy having people to our home. I hope we can find some other ways to entertain people and use parts of the university."

Nancy hopes eventually to get to know UMM students better. She has been a guest lecturer for the Human Services/Ethics and Values course taught by Professor of Psychology, Eric Klinger. The Schumans also have students as neighbors, and attend as many athletic and performance events as their busy schedule permits.

Nancy also sees her role as an emissary in the community outside of the campus. A member of both the Villa of St. Francis and the St. Francis Health Services boards, Nancy will continue to be a good ambassador for the campus. She sees some involvement on her part in the Twin Cities with alumni and at social functions.

Additionally, Nancy will fulfill a commitment to Sam in his role as administrator.

"He values some input from me," she said. "We've been together a long time; married 37 years. We help each other to evaluate what we're doing, talk to each other about ideas."

Sam will be a good chancellor, said Nancy.

"I think he's a person of 'vision'; he has ideas, creative ways to think about new things to do, to make things work well in the future. He's also hard-working and efficient, a person who perseveres — when he starts something, he wants to see it finished." That's one of the reasons Sam decided to seek the position of chancellor. "There were a lot of things he started when he was interim chancellor that he would like the opportunity to see through," she said.

Sam is a very reliable person, said Nancy. "When he says something, he means it. He's a person of energy and stamina, too. I think that's a necessity for this job. I tell him that I would like him to set limits on his schedule when he can; I think he needs to do that for himself and also for everybody else. You have to set priorities, address those priorities, and then move on to something else."

Nancy has already lived 20 years in the role of a chief administrator's wife, during Sam's tenure as chancellor at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, and when he was dean at Gilford College. While at UNC, said Nancy, the social expectations were a little more formal, part of that a result of the Southern heritage of the area.



"I am very much committed to the idea of a liberal arts education. The kind of basic ways of thinking that I learned in college have continued to be important to me as I've had to adapt to new learning in my field. The orientation of psychology for social workers was almost all Freudian to some extent...that's not what we do now. I've learned to educate myself for what's ahead, not just in my field. Courses in English, theater, science, history...all of those helped me to be a better thinker..."

-Nancy Schuman

"They don't run around in jeans and sweatshirts the way I like to," she said. The Schumans lived in a "mansion," owned by UNC. "It didn't feel like our home," remembers Nancy, although they both liked Asheville. One thing she requested when they moved to Morris was that they have their "own little nest."

"Sam is more at home in this culture...he likes the informality that people have here," she said, adding, "I like it too." Nancy likes being able to do her errands on foot. But she's also learned that Morris people are maybe a little more reserved than she expected.

"The advice I would give to new people that ask me is this," said Nancy: "It may be difficult at first, but give it time. There are nice folks here...it will take awhile to make those connections, but it will happen."

Coming from different religious backgrounds — Nancy growing up Lutheran and Presbyterian and Sam in the Reformed Jewish tradition — the Schumans have learned to respect differences between people and value those differences.

"If you move to a community that's different from where you have been, some of that same type of thinking is there...let's enjoy what's different about this, let's learn to appreciate the Norwegian heritage in Starbuck, for example," said Nancy.

Nancy echoes Sam's belief in living simply.

"Sam is an avid exerciser; I'm not quite to that extent," said Nancy. Both the Schumans have made good use of the Regional Fitness Center; Nancy is taking an aerobics class. They enjoy taking a walk with the dog, Tigre, or sitting out on the deck behind their home.

"Even if you have 10-15 minutes, you can make the most of those small amounts of time," said Nancy. "We're not exactly party animals; we'd rather be quiet, be out in the country, be doing something that helps us to relax and to connect with each other." Nancy can be found gardening, playing the piano or listening to music.

The Schumans also spend time with their family. Son, Daniel, is finishing a doctoral degree in philosophy and teaching at the University of Kentucky. Daughter, Leah, who plays the trumpet, is married and finishing a doctoral degree in music. In addition, Nancy's mother, whom she often visits in Asheville, N.C., will soon celebrate her 93rd birthday. And don't forget Tigre and two cats.

"I encourage people to introduce themselves to me," said Nancy. "If they know who I am, I hope people will tell me who they are, what they do, and how they interact with the college. I look forward to building a lot of new relationships here."

- Judy Riley

Leaving a Legacy

James Gremmels

"The best thing a teacher can do is to inspire the student."

With these words, and after 40 years of teaching and inspiring students on the Morris campus, Professor of English James Gremmels will retire at the end of this academic year.

Gremmels is one of the Morris campus' "original 13" faculty. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he established the first men's basketball program at UMM in the 60s and served as head basketball coach during his first four years. Last fall, he returned to coaching as an assistant men's basketball coach -- he can still fit into one of the original men's basketball letter sweaters.

"When we started, (UMM) was a new college and everyone was enthusiastic," said Gremmels. "I always wanted to teach at a liberal arts college." Prior to UMM, Gremmels taught history for the Glenwood (Minn.) Public Schools. He also served as the head basketball coach in Glenwood and took the team to the state basketball tournament in 1956, and again during the years from 1955-1960. It was while at Glenwood that he heard about the opening of a Morris campus of the University of Minnesota. He jumped at the chance, said Gremmels, writing to then Morris campus Dean Rodney Briggs inquiring about a position.

Gremmels said one of the reasons he enjoys the liberal arts experience is "there always seems to be outstanding faculty at liberal arts colleges. Someone who comes here has to be able to live with himself or herself," said Gremmels, "that's a quality that allows them to survive in this isolated area."

In reference to the liberal arts education offered at UMM, Gremmels said, "The rigor is still there, but the horizons have expanded considerably. For example, courses in multicultural literature are now required for an English major." He also said that the field has significantly opened itself to women and more authors of color.

"In addition, a liberal arts education offers students opportunities to pursue and develop their special talents," said Gremmels.

Gremmels has seen changes in students over the years, "in some ways for the better and some not." Elaborating, he said, "I remember when 'C' was a respectable grade. Now students get a 'C' and they think they're failing." He said that he felt the quality of students has gone up, but when he started teaching, students were very eager to learn and very open. Some students now have a "teach me if you can" attitude, according to Gremmels.

Some things, said Gremmels, haven't changed over the years.

"I really like the atmosphere of the place. Students, colleagues and staff have always been very enjoyable to work with."

In addition, said Gremmels, UMM has a tradition of quality "that is a tradition that started on day one and has been maintained over 40 years. We have the best of both worlds -- being part of a great university system and being a small campus with close relationships." He added, "it's hard to find another campus with as close relationships among everyone. The smallness of Morris allows everyone to participate in many different areas."

Gremmels said he has "taught everything" -- with the exception of Modern Grammar, Introduction to the English Language, Educational Methods, and the English Period courses -- including special topic courses. He helped to develop many of UMM's English courses. He has presented at several conferences and written extensively.

"It's time," said Gremmels speaking about why he is retiring. "The newer faculty are on the cutting edge of new pedagogical techniques, and I haven't kept up as much as I should have. Also, I sense that I've lost the

Many things have changed in the world of machines in the past 100 years, but not all machines have become obsolete. Take for instance the 10 inch by 15 inch Chandler Price letterpress that was bought by the University of Minnesota, Morris Humanities Division from Cyrus banker, A. H. Stellner in 1971. The press was well over 100 years old when it was purchased. Jim Gremmels brought it to life as The Prairie Gate Press. Its name has been attributed to retired UMM English professor Richard Grant, who once said that UMM is at the gateway of the Great Plains.

When the letterpress was purchased after operating at the now defunct Cyrus Courier, a funding grant also allowed for a pounding table, 18 different typefaces or fonts, and a set of new fonts. Fonts range up to 72 points in size, and include a set of antique wooden type. Gremmels remembers that the first font ever used on The Prairie Gate Press was Garamond Bold 10 point.

Former student, Tom Hennen, was a letter press operator who taught Gremmels -- the faculty managing editor -- and several UMM students printing techniques to use with the old press. Since then, Gremmels has been the machine's sole operator.

In the early days, one could subscribe to the printed poems and wood cuttings for \$10 a year. Soon, however, time would not allow for a continuation of regular subscriptions. The first document printed was "Three Poems" by Dick Lee. In the years since then, The Prairie Gate Press has printed a few chapbooks, postcards, poster poems, and has taken on a larger project of printing a poem book complete with woodcut illustrations. Gremmels appeared on the public television program, "MATRIX," in a segment titled "The Dying Art," devoted to the printing operation of the Press.

Since coming to the UMM, the press has found a home in the basement of Camden Hall, but as plans for Camden remodeling take shape, the press will be relocated on campus. It will continue to print, and, despite his own plans for retirement, Gremmels will not retire The Prairie Gate Press.

— Kelly Kiffmeyer, '01, St. Cloud



JIM GREMMELS at the Prairie Gate Press

patience that it takes to be a good teacher."

Gremmels said he's never published much over the years but added, "I've got a few things I want to say and I plan to say them now." Gremmels will continue to teach a freshman composition class and work with the men's basketball program. He also hopes to "be of service to creative writers on campus" through the use of the Prairie Gate Press (see insert at left).

Gremmels holds a master's degree in American studies from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. In 1967, he was awarded the Horace T. Morse Award for outstanding contributions to undergraduate research, and, in 1999, was among the first group of Morris campus faculty to be named to the University's Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

- Sara Reller, '02, Belgrade

Shirley Kleespies

If you want to meet an employee on the Morris campus who loves her job...her fellow co-workers...her boss...and campus life in general, stop by the Business Office at UMM and talk to Shirley Kleespies. But you'd better hurry. Kleespies will be retiring at the end of this calendar year.

Although Kleespies has worked solely in the ever-evolving atmosphere of the Business Office, she notes some significant changes throughout her 27-year career. When she started on July 30, 1973, as a data entry operator, she remembers, the office had "one little key punch, inherited from the person who did the job before (her)." She did budget reports for all campus departments, then vending reports. She then took the reports to another office to be generated.

Today, as a principal accounts specialist, Kleespies does "a lot of projects."

"Twenty percent of my time is spent in payroll, keeping track of employee's hours for stability and for step payments," said Kleespies. She's also one of the smiling faces at the cashier's window where students pay their tuition and fees. In addition, Kleespies backs up bursar, Cheryl Estenson. When she's not at "the window," Kleespies works primarily on budget and payroll, and with student accounts receivable (tuition, fees, room and board).

Kleespies has seen three administrators during her UMM career -- Jack Imholte, David Johnson and now Sam Schuman. Students come and go, said Kleespies; there've been some significant changes in the budget;



SHIRLEY KLEESPIES

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Jack Imholte

"Be cool, stay cool."

That's Jack Imholte's advice after 40 years as a history faculty member and chief administrator of the Morris campus. Another member of the "original 13" faculty at UMM, Imholte will retire this spring.

Imholte was working on his doctoral degree at the University's Twin Cities campus in 1960 when he read in a newspaper ad about the start of a new University campus in Morris. He chose to come to UMM because it was new.

"I felt I was brass enough to think I could make some contribution to making UMM a strong liberal arts campus," said Imholte. By way of contribution, Imholte taught political science and economics in addition to history his first year. After that, he taught solely American history.

Following stints as division chair and as academic dean, Imholte "contributed" 20 years as UMM's second chancellor, from 1970 to 1990.

He eventually went back to teaching because, in his words, "administration was getting boring. It was time for me to get out of there and let some new blood in."

Imholte feels that a liberal arts education is very important.

"A well-rounded education is important; even more important now than it was then. It was a gamble to establish UMM with its single mission of the liberal arts." But, he added, the gamble was worth it.

"I feel I am a stronger and more satisfied person as a result of the liberal arts," said Imholte. "It allows you to branch out into other areas."

Imholte, too, feels he's "been around long enough, and it's about time I should move on." His plans for retirement include traveling abroad. He also plans to work on a book.

"I've never had the time to really sit down and write it." He plans to write about Alfred Love, a Quaker, about whom, Imholte says, he has "tons of information."

"Travel and writing are what I'll pay the most attention to; that and just having a good time," he said.

"Students here are very enjoyable to work with, faculty and staff as well," Imholte said. "The profile of students hasn't changed very much; if anything there has been an improvement in the quality of student we have here."

In addition, Imholte said he feels that UMM is attracting a very high quality of younger faculty. "You have a good deal of freedom," he said, "to pursue whatever intellectual or academic goals. I've really enjoyed the freedom that exists on this campus," said Imholte, and freedom is one of the reasons that such good faculty has been hired, in his opinion.

And there's that sense of pride in what the campus has accomplished in the past 40 years.

"I hope the campus remains dynamic and willing and able to embrace change."

Imholte earned his master's and doctoral degrees in history from



JACK IMHOLTE

the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. In addition to serving as chancellor for the Morris campus, he also served as interim vice president for student affairs on the Twin Cities campus in 1994-95.

Imholte received the 1998 President's Award for Outstanding Service, created in 1997 by University of Minnesota President Nils Hasselmo to recognize faculty and staff members who have given exceptional service to the University, and demonstrated unusual commitment to the University community.

- Sara Reller

Fred Peterson

If there's a history to art history on the Morris campus, Fred Peterson can tell it. A professor of art history, Peterson began teaching at Morris in 1961, only the second year that the campus was part of the University of Minnesota system.

"The original 13 faculty began in 1960," explained Peterson. "Another 12-14 were hired when it was evident that the Morris campus was not just a brief encounter."

Art on the Morris campus has evolved over time, said Peterson. He began as an assistant professor in art, teaching three courses — two in art history, one in studio art. Then he taught sculpture and drawing.

Peterson, still the curator of the art gallery located in the HFA building, brought exhibits to campus even back then. The first "gallery" was located in the hallway on the south side of Edson Auditorium.

In 1973, HFA and the Gallery, as it is known today, opened. The Gallery featured unique exhibits and became a showplace for the region. In 1975, Peterson remembers, he created an exhibit of what one would find inside a farmhouse, complete with the dining area and quilts on the wall. Thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission, the State Arts Board and the Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC), the exhibit included a small catalog with a description of the work. The exhibit sparked Peterson's longtime interest in farmhouses and rural architecture.

Today, said Peterson, exhibits are larger and more complex. There are more legal contracts to sign, and he has a wealth of experience in setting up the exhibits. Peterson cites two recent exhibits as memorable: an African sculpture exhibit from a private collection, which took a lot of negotiating (he also bought two pieces when he first viewed the exhibit), and the last large exhibit of Aboriginal art, made possible by a grant from the LRAC and the Musser Fund.

"The more exhibits at which a collection is shown, the more the works are authenticated," said Peterson. "That's the way of the art world...the gallery benefits and the artist benefits."

Exhibits are now advertised on the web, said Peterson, while they used to be advertised in art periodicals. He still receives slides to view prior to selecting a work to show in the Gallery, however. Peterson negotiates the transportation of the works, and the insurance. Thankfully, said Peterson, he has only had one insurance claim in all the time he has been at UMM.

Peterson remembers students over the years, including former

student, Dik Munson, who has retired as head administrator in art at the University of Colorado, Greeley. John Driscoll went on to Penn State grad school, and eventually bought his own gallery — the Babcock Galleries — on Park Avenue in New York.

It was interesting to see the growth of the campus in the beginning, said Peterson. "One could see tangible additions."

Now Peterson is retiring, he said, because "I've been teaching long enough. Teaching has changed. There has been more computer work, more legal work. One needs to keep reading new material, trying to make every lecture fresh."

Peterson admits he likes best the interaction of all kinds of situations and people. "It's always an enjoyable challenge to present what you love," he said. "Teaching is a blind process...you think a student perhaps doesn't like you; then, when they leave, you get a postcard from them saying what a wonderful professor you were and how you influenced their life and/or careers."

Peterson has received numerous honors and awards during his UMM career, most recently an honorable mention from the Minnesota Chapter Society of Architect Historians for his book, *Building Community, Keeping the Faith: German Catholic Vernacular Architecture in a Rural Parish*. In 1999, he received the Minnesota Book Award for best book in history — not just in art history — for *Homes in the Heartland: Balloon Frame Farmhouses of the Upper Midwest 1850-1920*.

He was among the first group of University of Minnesota faculty to be named to the Academy of Distinguished Teachers in 1999, and was a recipient of the prestigious Horace T. Morse/Amoco Foundation Award for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education, 1979-80. He has written extensively on the topic of art history, and, most recently, has worked with the City of Morris in the area of economic development.

Now, Peterson has new projects he wants to accomplish. Like a grad school grant-in aid for research to do field work in architecture. Peterson will remain as professor emeritus and curator of the HFA Gallery after he retires. He'll travel to the East Coast and the Midwest to study 19th Century architecture, tracing revival styles to simple adaptation of local houses, to see how it changes from the coast to the Midwest.

"I'll continue doing studio work," said Peterson, "water color paintings and sculptural construction. It's important to do something everyday in the studio."

Studio work and art history combined is not all that unusual, said Peterson.

"It allows one to understand the process from both sides," he said. "One can understand how Rembrandt used paint and understand better the creative process too." With other processes, said Peterson, there's a beginning, a process and an end. "With art, an artist begins, follows a method, and sees what happens...it's different, open-ended."

Applying the artist's process to his own career, Peterson began at Morris, his method was to stay only a few years, and he planned to move on to consider the 10-12 offers a year he received in the beginning. But in the late 60s, the campus was still developing and constructing, so he stayed. Then came the HFA planning, so he stayed, then the work set in...

- Judy Riley



FRED PETERSON

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- **Were you a member of the first entering Fall '60 UMM Class?**

Join in our reunion Homecoming Weekend October 6-8, 2000 (see page 11 for Homecoming details)

CLASS OF '64

John Gilbert and his wife **Marilyn (Erickson) '67** live in Appleton, Wis. John, president and chief executive officer of Aid Association for Lutherans, was elected chairman of the AAL board of directors.

Bruce Halvorson retired February 1 from his job as high school counselor in Cannon Falls. He and his wife **Jaclyn (Johnson) '66** plan to develop a building site on the family farm in the Hoffman-Kensington area.

Janet (Hervert) Skoog and her husband, **Tom**, live in Alexandria. They have five grandchildren.

CLASS OF '66

Rosemary (Pomerence) and **John Biel** live in Arlington, Texas. Rosemary teaches English as a second language to third graders at Spear Elementary. John works at Owens Corning River Glass Company in Irving and volunteers for the Boy Scouts.

Harry Hennen retired from his position as corporate vice president and general manager at Motorola. He lives in Woodstock, Ill.

Richard Realdsen is retiring after teaching in Paynesville 34 years.

CLASS OF '67

Sharon (Evenson) and **Ron Cin** live in Lakeville. Ron, principal of Marion W. Savage Elementary School, was named Businessperson of the Year. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce board, the Cable Commission, and the Economic Development Commission in Savage.

Ruth (Piepenburg Dahl) Domingo is enjoying her retirement in Morris after teaching for 25 years.

Bonnie Lutz of Ashby became a first time grandmother in September 1999.

Carol (Kopitzke) Miller, a former women's tennis, basketball, and softball coach at Central Lakes Community College in Brainerd, was inducted into the Raiders' Hall of Fame. She has been employed at Potlatch since she left coaching 13 years ago and lives in Lake Hubert.

Karl Retzlaff of Morris hosted a German foreign exchange student.

CLASS OF '68

Anna (Norby) Johnsrud built an addition onto their foster care home in Starbuck. She is a retired teacher and hospice worker.

Gary Lickfett lives in Ridge Farm, Ill., and has three sons. Jay works for Proctor and Gamble, Todd attends the University of Illinois, and Tim is in high school.

Sue (Landgraf) Magnuson is a Spanish teacher at Watertown-Mayer public schools.

Diane (Peterson) and Lowell Zellmann '69 live in Fairfax. After serving as English and reading teacher / media generalist at Cedar Mountain High School for 20 years, Diane began a new career as children's services librarian at the New Ulm Public Library. Lowell teaches and coaches at GFW High School.

CLASS OF '70

Bev (Gunvalson) and Tom Alsleben '68 live in Brooklyn Park. Their daughter graduated from UMD and their son is a senior there.

Kathy (Cihlar) Botzek is a second grade teacher at Foley Elementary School, where she has worked for 28 years. She and her husband, **Ron**, have two children.

Shirley (Laackmann) and Garry Hoyme '73 live in Zumbrota. We extend our condolences to them as their daughter, **Beth Ann**, died in April 1999.

Avis Nelson is enjoying retirement on Lake Amelia near Glenwood.

Lloyd Vollmers works for CURRIES Company and lives in Mason City, Iowa.

CLASS OF '71

Judy (Walz) and Michael Kennedy '70 announce the birth of a new granddaughter in January. Another grandchild is due soon to parents **Michelle (Arkell) '92** and **Chris Kennedy '92**.

Karen (Schaible) and Roy Kraemer '69 live in Willmar. Karen, a 10th grade biology teacher at Willmar High School, was honored as Minnesota's 1999 Biology

Teacher of the Year at the National Association of Biology Teachers convention in Texas. "While at UMM my academic adviser was Dr. Robinson Abbott. He remains a mentor, a friend, and a scholar."

Mike Sandmann of Franklin was presented a 25-year coaching and membership award from the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association. Mike teaches at Cedar Mountain School and has coached football, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball, and golf at Franklin and Cedar Mountain schools.

Lynette (Bedel) and Gerald Swenson '70 of De Graff announce the birth of their granddaughter in February 1999.

CLASS OF '72

Beverly Anderson works at the Department of Children, Families, and Learning on a project funded by the Centers for Disease Control called Coordinated School Health. She lives in Maple Grove.

Diane (Samuelson) Hennen serves on the core planning group for the West Central Rural Help Network, a network of service providers that aid rural farmers in social and economic crisis. She is the Stevens County outreach worker. Diane lives on the family farm near Morris with her husband, **Stan**.

Mary (Webster) Pulver lives in St. Louis Park. She is a media and an advertising director at JT Mega Marketing.

Roger Waage, a family physician in Duluth, was honored for 20 years of membership with the American Academy of Family Physicians.

CLASS OF '73

Judy (Wartman Schmidt) and Michael Blair kept busy this year by visiting their "Settlement House" in Kenai, building a woodshed, quilting, traveling, and enjoying the wildlife. They live in Anchorage, Alaska, and Judy tutors students from third to 12th grades at Hardwick Learning Center.

Randy Taber, a major in the US Air Force, was recently presented an award from Secretary of Defense William Cohen. He lives in Brooklyn Park, and is senior minister at Olivia United Methodist Church in Robbinsdale.

CLASS OF '74

Mark Bartsch has been a pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Jefferson, Wis., for one year. He has four school-age children.

Tom Hoffman and his wife, **Mary Jo**, moved their Hoffman Realty and Keepers store to Atlantic Ave. in Morris this January. A larger store allows them to expand their display to include antique furniture and fresh

cut flowers.

David Jokinen died August 17 following a lengthy illness. He taught undergraduate sculpture at the University of Iowa from 1987-92 and then taught sculpture and ceramics at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, until his death. David was an active artist whose work was shown in New York, Chicago, and other cities. He is survived by his wife **Donna Benson '75** and children, **Emily** and **Andrew**.

Dan Mielke teaches science in Monticello and owns an Ultra Lube business. His wife, **Linda**, is a sales and marketing manager at Marquette Banks.

Diane (Green) Peterson can be reached by e-mail at: <lquanalife@aol.com> or by writing her at 645 Woodland, Springfield, IL 62704.

Martha (Gromatka) and Allan Riel '75 live in Wales, Wis. Martha is the director of the Town Hall Library in North Lake. Allan is credit manager at Craybar Electric.

James Schueller is a first-time grandfather. He is a lab team leader at Southern Minnesota Sugar in Renville.

Lynette (Schlapkohl) and James Skolte live in Redwood Falls. Using the Linda Mood/Bell reading therapy, Lynette works with students in an area school district.

Laurel Taylor is executive director of Glenwood Inc. He provides services to mentally disabled people.

CLASS OF '75

Robert Leaverton can be reached by e-mail: <Leaverton@erols.com> or by writing him at 1227 Seven Oaks Rd., Arbutus, MD 21227.

CLASS OF '76

Jim Falk was named "Premier Seedsman" at the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association's Annual Meeting Banquet. He lives on a 1000-acre farm in rural Murdock with his wife, **Karen**, and their two children.

Bruce Novak is superintendent at Isle Public Schools. For the past 20 years he was employed at Monticello Public Schools, 11 of those years as elementary principal.

"After teaching high school sciences for the past 23 years, I have moved into administration." **Brad Schnitzler** is the activities director and the health and safety coordinator at Big Lake School District.

Emma Westrom lives in Elbow Lake. Her daughter **Nori** was married last September.

CLASS OF '77

Ted Schmidt, an administrator of HealthEast Care Center on Dellwood Place, has received the Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance's statewide "Kal Michels Administrator of the Year Award" for 2000. His staff describes him as "efficient, gentle and assertive, a very resident-focused and hands-on administrator who is committed to a team approach." He lives in River Falls, Wis.

David Trautman is activities director at Frazee-Vergas High School.

Paul Wiemann lives in Denver with his wife, Kathy. He is a self-employed geologist in the oil business.

CLASS OF '78

Ann (Wigfield) and James Brudvig live in Tivoli, N.Y. James is vice president at Bard College. Ann is a school counselor.

Thomas Sellnow, an attorney, is the sole practitioner at a branch office in Staples. He lives in Long Prairie.

Vicki (Lyseng) and Greg Spofford live in Little Falls. Their daughter, Beth, is a sophomore at UMM.

Robin (Vipond) and Jeff Tanner live in Atwater with their three school-age children.

Renae (Flegel) Tostenson, a kindergarten teacher at Appleton Elementary School for the last 20 years, was one of six teachers in the state to be honored in December as a McAuliffe Fellow. She shares her award-winning teaching techniques by mentoring student teachers and by working with the Minnesota Reading Best Practice Network and the Kindergarten Association.

CLASS OF '79

Maggie (Gleason) Albers writes: "There are several of us trying to locate friends at UMM from the time we were students. Please contact me about the possibility of a get-together." Maggie can be reached at 2899 170th Ln NW, Andover, MN 55304.

Karyn Enestvedt-Sportel, a teacher for the past 17 years, is the special education coordinator for 25 school buildings in the Freshwater Education District. She and her husband bought a restaurant supply business in Alexandria and live in Carlos.

Janell (Lewis) Glasshof is a special education teacher at Highlands Elementary. She lives in Sugar Land, Texas.

Dorothy (Ide) Reihle lives with her husband, Kenneth Simmons, in Brandon, Miss. She has two children and two stepchildren "whom I thoroughly enjoy." Dorothy works

for a third party administrator in Jackson.

The Minnesota State High School League selected **Cindy Stamness** of Mora as the Cheerleading Contributor of the Year.

CLASS OF '80

Therese Mooney teaches second grade at Minneapolis Public Schools. She lives in South Minneapolis with her husband, Kory, and their two children.

Julie (Bergh) and Dean Penk '79 live in Golden Valley. In February Dean visited Julie, who is working in Armenia.

Rick Reed invented the musical game "For the Record" and recently attended a game convention in New York. He lives in Plymouth with his wife, Sharon, his stepdaughter, Aspen, and two sons, Ricky and Preston.

Jenny (Tanner) and Paul Seaton '78 of Foley both completed master's degrees from St. Mary's University of Minnesota last spring.

CLASS OF '81

Roger Arndt teaches fourth and fifth grades at Cherry Creek Schools. He lives in Aurora, Colo.

Rose Johnson and Andy Jordahl of Mill Valley, Cal., announce the births of Leif and Sarah Rose on November 16. "We invite all of our friends to stop by when you are in the San Francisco area. There are plenty of diapers to change!" Rose will return to her job as chief commercial counsel of AT&T's Pacific Region in May, and Andy will be a stay-at-home father for the next few years, after which he will resume his landscaping business.

CLASS OF '82

Nancy (Hanson) Erdmann and her husband, Jerry, live in Dodge City with their five children. Nancy is employed at Mayo Clinic. Jerry has started a business called Erdmann Enterprises Inc. in Wasioja.

Bruce Helmer of Chanhassen announces that his first book, tentatively titled *Financial Myths and Fallacies*, will be published later this year. He can still be heard Sunday mornings at 8:30 on WCCO (830) radio.

Lori (Beaver) and Robert Mitchell '80 live in Forest Lake. Robert has been promoted to division quality manager at 3M and Lori is a part-time lab technician at WalMart.

CLASS OF '83

Steven Boese of Canton, N.Y., has an 18-month-old daughter, Lia.

Randy Kramer completed the testing to obtain the designations of

certified financial planner and chartered life underwriter. In 1998 he became a chartered financial consultant. He is a personal financial advisor with American Express Financial Advisors. Randy lives with his wife, Wendy, and their twin boys in Austin. He can be reached by e-mail at <rjkramer@smig.net>.

Holly Witt of Morris is the West Central Rural Help Network Coordinator. Her responsibilities include developing the network in Region IV and grant writing.

CLASS OF '84

Diane Duesterhoeft visited Morris in May for the first time since 1985. She lives in San Antonio, Texas, where she is a librarian at St. Mary's University.

Linda Kinney is a global account manager at IHS Energy Group in Houston, Texas.

Sandy (Hildreth) and Terry Middendorf '83 live in Eagan with their two daughters, Brooke and Nicole. Terry is the associate director of the career development center at Hamline University in St. Paul and Sandy is the vice president for human resources at Augsburg Fortress Publishers in Minneapolis. They can be reached by e-mail at <tmiddendorf@gw.hamline.edu> or <middends@augsbu.org>.

Kimberly (Koentopf) and Bryan Olson '83 live in Sauk Centre with their three children.

Stephanie Mosher-Williams and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Jeremy Charles on May 29. He joins brother, Zachary, at home in Rockbridge, Ohio. Stephanie is a geologist with Ohio EPA and can be reached by e-mail at <williams.ssz@ohiohills.com>.

CLASS OF '85

Nancy (Schaeffer) and Michael Aagesen '83 live in Appleton with their children, Nicole and Christopher. Nancy is the audit manager at the Montevideo office of Lee and Berner, Ltd. Michael is activities director/dean of students at Lac qui Parle Valley High School.

Kelly O'Brien announces her engagement to Mark Weger. After an August wedding in Minnesota, they will live in Vancouver, British Columbia.

John H. Rykhus of Cadott, Wis. received the Robert T. Wright Memorial Award for the Best Local Column among Wisconsin's weekly newspapers in January. The contest drew entries from 159 newspapers. He is editor of *The Cornell & Lake Holcombe Courier* and *The Cadott Sentinel* newspapers.

John Stowe and his wife, Marsha, announce the birth of their fourth child, Brian John, on May 27. They live in Minnetonka.

CLASS OF '86

Buddy (Greg) DeGier is in his second year as band director at Jefferson Senior High School in Alexandria. He is pursuing a master's degree at St. Cloud State University.

Marie Franzeen-LeFebvre and Matthew LeFebvre '87 live in St. Paul with their daughter, Genevieve. Matthew is a professor of costume design at UM and Marie is the competition personnel supervisor at the Minnesota State Fair.

Linda Winter-Hodgson and her husband, **Ken**, have adopted three children, Jessica, Colleen, and Daniel. They live in Morris where

Catching Up

To submit an item for *Catching Up*, fill out this form and send it to: Vivian Heltemes, Alumni Relations, UMM, 123 HFA, Morris, MN 56267-2134 or e-mail: <alumni@caa.mrs.umn.edu>.

Let us hear from you! Next *Catching Up* deadline is June 15, 2000.

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Linda teaches vocal music at St. Mary's Elementary and Ken is associate professor of music at UMM.

Doug Wohlers is in materials management at Solvay Pharmaceuticals in Baudette. He and his wife, Jan, announce the birth of Erin Anna in April 1999. She joins three older brothers at home in Rainy River.

CLASS OF '87

Kevin De Waard is the day manager at Pizza Ranch in Pella, Iowa.

Roger Ebnet and his wife, Kara, announce the birth of Christopher on August 31. They live in Benson.

Laura (Belt) Elzinga and her husband, Dirk, live in Salt Lake City. Dirk teaches linguistics at the University of Utah. Laura is at home with their sons, Michael, four, and Robert, who was born in January.

Michele (Brual) Neale is a training manager for Retek in downtown Minneapolis. She lives in Maple Grove with her husband and their daughter, Abigail.

Norma Reker and **Greg Bramel** live in Minneapolis. As the result of Greg's new job, Norma was able to resign from her job to be a full-time mom to their three kids.

Deb (Hanson) and Brian Roggow '86 announce they have adopted a girl. Brian was promoted to a managing partner at Fairmont Vet Clinic.

Susan (Kosak) Salter of Burnsville is a physical education specialist at Thomas Lake Elementary in Eagan.

Judy (Watson) Tiesel of Minneapolis is an adjunct psychology faculty member at UM and at Bethel Seminary. She is also in private practice as a marriage and family therapist.

CLASS OF '88

Kristi (Nichols) and Bryan Delage '84 live in Ortonville with their three children.

Dean Kasperek of St. Paul changed careers and is a high school science teacher at Richfield High School.

Beth (Beckey) Kwakenat announces the birth of Matthew Christopher on July 16. They live in Brooklyn Park.

John Lee and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of their second child, Carter Elise, last June. They live in Newton, Iowa. John has a part-time photography business and is a stay-at-home dad.

Steven Myren of Fishers, Ind., got together with **Tom Rooney** in Minneapolis for New Year's.

Nancy Rippe-Burtchaell, her husband, Steve, and son, Patrick, moved to a new house on 2723

Jackson Blvd., Chalmette, LA 70043. She and Steve operate the home-branch music business and regularly provide musical entertainment for New Orleans' establishments. Nancy entertained **Dana Menegal** and **Moira Walsh** and hopes to hear from other friends.

Andrea (Locke) Schacht of Oakdale announces the birth of Elizabeth Ann on January 25.

CLASS OF '89

Eric Bergman of Fridley announces the birth of Margaret in October 1998.

Tim Gregory lives in Los Angeles and is the assistant director of marketing and programs in the Student Union at California State University, Northridge. He can be reached by e-mail at <tgregory1966@aol.com>.

Jean (Jackson) Merkle has relocated to Rapid City, S.D., with her husband and two children. She is a stay-at-home mother to Tabby Jo, two years, and Eiler James, born last summer.

Ellen (Jarchow) Moritz and her husband, Jean-Claude, announce the birth in November of Sebastian. Ellen is senior vice president at FirstBank of Vail. She can be reached by e-mail at <jcm@vail.net>. "I would be happy to help any prospective job hunters. FirstBank is always hiring management trainees."

Rick Roche and his wife, Tina, live in Elk River with their three daughters. He opened his own independent insurance agency called Elk Agency Insurance Services. "Any friends interested in staying in touch can do so by e-mailing: <elkagency@uswest.net>."

CLASS OF '90

Lynette Lund has been fighting lymphoma for two-and-a-half years. "I survived a bone marrow transplant in July and am happy to report that as of November my cancer is in remission!" She has lived in Minneapolis for the last six years and can be reached by e-mail at <lynette813@uswest.net>.

Kathy (Holmberg) and Rob Pachan live in Eden Prairie with their daughters, Lexie and Ally. Rob is the production activity control supervisor at Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc., and Kathy is human resources manager at Dart Distributing, LLC.

Barbara (Bush) and Donald Paulson both teach at the Redfield, S.D., Public Schools. Barb teaches third grade and is an assistant basketball coach. Don teaches fifth grade and is an assistant volleyball and football coach.

Barbara Sayles-Goulet, her husband, Chris, and their three sons live in Morris. She is a stay-at-home mother and a daycare provider.

Mark Shelstad and his wife Kristen announce the birth of Zachary on December 3. Mark is the information manager at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, and can be reached by e-mail at <shelstad@uwyo.edu>.

Karl Terhaar and his wife, **Judy (Huber)**, announce the birth of Justin on July 5, 1998. They live in St. Stephen.

CLASS OF '91

Don Beissel and his wife, Melaine, live in St. Paul with their five cats and their son, Jackson Christian, who was born February 7. Don is a RN in critical care and in the emergency room at United and Children's Hospitals-St. Paul. After he completes his training to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist in July 2001, he will work at Children's-Minneapolis Hospital. He would love to hear from friends; you can e-mail him at: <donbeissel@freewwwweb.com>.

Alana Christensen is the deputy campaign manager for Mike Ciresi and lives in Minneapolis.

Jennifer (Dekker) and Philip Ebeling '92 announce the birth of William on January 19. They live in Maple Grove. "We are very happy."

Thomas Landmark and his wife announce the birth of Ryan in May 1999. He joins sister Rachel at home in Marshall. Tom is director of operations for the Manifest Group.

Jennifer (Glaus) McCann completed a master's degree in English at St. Cloud State University. She directs a writing center at a community college in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Jennifer and her husband, Todd, live in Gladstone, Mich., with their daughters, Megan and Lindsey. "I would love to hear from classmates." E-mail her at <mccannj@baydenoc.cc.mi.us>.

Martha (Jorgensen) McDowell announces the birth of daughter, Dakota Jorgen, on October 13. They live in Iliamna, Alaska.

Michelle (Berg) and Ed McIntee '92 announce the birth of Casey John Walter on May 9, 1999. Casey joins sister, Shannon, at home in Eagan. Michelle graduated from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in November. Ed is a postdoctoral associate at the UM Cancer Research Center.

Anne (Bruss) Nelson and her husband Dan announce the birth of Ryan Michael on August 20. He joins sister, Megan, at home in Andover. Anne is a registered nurse at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids.

Becky (Gunderson) Olson is a kindergarten and first grade teacher at Naytahwaush Elementary and she lives in Mahanomen.

Carmen (Strangeland) Snaza and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of Jason Thor on March 11, 1999. They live in Maplewood. Carmen is a chemist at Diametrics Medical.

Kelly (Ames) and Rich Spartz '90 live in Chanhassen and are expecting their first child in August. Rich is a software engineer at XOX Corp. and Kelly works for a mental health insurance company in Eden Prairie.

CLASS OF '92

Kevin Banken of Brookings, S.D. is a crop consultant with Centrol Crop Consulting.

Beth (Schumacher) and Bill Breiter '91 announce the birth of Nathaniel on June 12. They live in Minneapolis.

Sheri (Jacob) Fakhreddine of Becker announces the birth of her son, Quadry, in June.

Kathryn Gonier '92 will marry **Bruce Klopffleisch '84** this fall. She is an English instructor and also works in the Academic Assistance Center at UMM.

Kristina (Funk) Hering is a science teacher at Maple Grove High School. She and her husband, Brent, live in Maple Grove.

Karen (Sullivan) and Larry Hook are back in Rochester after spending a year in Poland. Karen practices law at Rolsch & Anderson and Larry teaches choir at Century High School. "We'd love to hear from people!" E-mail them at <hook6@juno.com>.

Devin Janssen and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of twins, Elizabeth Rose and Samuel David, on November 8. They live in Rochester where Devin is a team leader in the Information Systems Department at the Mayo Clinic.

Cheryl (Stadick) Maiolo and her son, Anthony, live in Delano. "I'm still teaching at Rockford High School. I love it! Drop me a line at <cmaiolo@rockford.k12.mn.us>."

Martha Martenson can be e-mailed at: <Marty_Martenson@msn.com> or by writing her at 35984 Novio Court, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

Alan Mills graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder with a master's degree in music education on December 18. He lives with his wife, Amy, in Idaho Springs, Colo., and both teach in the public schools. Alan can be reached by e-mail at <awmills@yahoo.com>.

Kevin Muelken lives in Grimes, Iowa, with his wife, Sharon. He will graduate from medical residency in June and they will move back to the Twin Cities next year.

Gina (Jarchow) Newman and her

husband, Robert, announce the birth of triplet daughters on October 8. "Kelly, Brianna, and Jamie are all healthy babies and only spent two weeks in the hospital. We are very excited to be new parents (times three). Any multiple parenting advice is welcome. Please e-mail us at <rgnewman@rconnect.com>."

CLASS OF '93

Andrea (Hamann) and David Barth of Savage announce the birth of their first child, Drizt Alexander, on December 29. Both are employed by Best Buy; Andrea as a staff accountant and David as a process planner with space and visual merchandising.

Craig Conway joined the US Department of State as a foreign service officer in September. He has been assigned as the Norway and Denmark desk officer in the Department's Bureau of European Affairs and as a State Department Representative on the White House Y2K Task Force. In January he began six months of Polish language training before beginning a two-year tour as a political and consular officer at the US Embassy in Warsaw.

Ann (Eltgroth) and Wayne Dardis '94 live in Perham where Wayne is director of religious education for the Catholic parishes. Wayne graduated with a B.A. in theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

Mike Goettig spent the last three and a half years in China teaching English with the Peace Corps and traveling. Now back home in Worthington, he is taking some time to readjust to American life.

Timothy Loeffler married Christy on August 21. They live in St. Paul.

Erin (Pearman) and William Ristow '92 of Eagan are going to have their second baby in May.

DeAnn Strenke works in marketing at Despatch Industries in Minneapolis. She bought a house in northeast Minneapolis and is a volunteer tour guide at Summit Brewing in St. Paul. "Stop by, it's FREE every Saturday at 1 p.m."

Tina (Kalthoff) and Tom Saue '91 announce the birth of Kamren Leigh on September 28. She joins brother, Jared, at home in Chanhassen. Tom works at Federated Insurance in Edina and Tina works at BI in Edina.

Amy Swanson graduated in July '99 with a Psy.D. in clinical psychology. She works at an employee assistance program in Eagan. "My next step is to pursue supervision towards licensure as a clinical psychologist." Amy lives in White Bear Lake.

Christine (Chapman) and Jeff Thompson announce the birth of Isobel Beverly on October 13. Chris

is a systems analyst at Pillsbury in Minneapolis and Jeff works at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in St. Paul. They live in Dassel, but plan to move to the Twin Cities soon.

Kevin Wohlers is a territory manager covering 10 states for Superior Industries in Morris.

Teyton Young married Lisa Carriere on October 2. They live in Rosemount. Teyton is employed by Roadway Transportation.

CLASS OF '94

Laura Adams received a master's degree in counseling psychology from Alaska Pacific University in May 1999. She is a clinician at a community mental health center in Anchorage. "I am training for my first marathon in June."

Koree (Weedman) Boyle and her husband, Jim, live in Slayton with their daughter, Lauren, who was born July 20. Koree is a stay-at-home mom and Jim is agronomy manager at Schmitz Grain, Inc.

Amy (Loschy) and Jim Cook announce the birth of twin girls, Elizabeth and Madeline. Amy works for ADC Telecommunications and Jim has "given up teaching for a career as a house dad." They live in St. Louis Park.

Emily (Bowron) and Joshua Crabtree announce the birth of Madison Faith on June 6. They moved back to Duluth where Josh is a first-year resident at the Duluth Family Practice Center. Emily is full-time mother to Madison and Connor and "loving it!"

Jennifer (Deutschman) and Jon Houtman moved to Rockville, Md. Jon completed a graduate work in cellular and molecular biology at the University of Wis., Madison, and accepted a post-doctorate research fellowship at the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Jennifer is a development officer at the Society for Women's Health Research in Washington, D.C.

CLASS OF '95

Shelby Ehrenberg completed a master's degree in human resources in December, and accepted a HR generalist position with Honeywell Aerospace Services in Phoenix. She lives with **Theresa O'Brien '94**. "We are reveling in the sunshine and our singlehood." E-mail Shelby at: <turkeyneck_us@yahoo.com>.

Kari (Struxness) Feldhaus married Matt Feldhaus and they live in Howard, S.D.

Arlene (Kruize) Fults is manager of the Warden's House Museum in Stillwater. She will speak at the Washington County Historical Society's spring dinner in April.

Geri (Graff) Groebner and her husband announce the birth of Josie Megan on September 19. "We are enjoying our new house in Hanska and our baby girl."

Kori (DeMars) Johnson and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Abigail Kathleen in October. They live in Delano.

Jessica (Severson) and Jason Kirwin of Morris announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan, on February 14.

Naema (Walk) Nunnery writes, "Most of my classmates remember me along with my little girl, Monae. She is in fifth grade and would like to get e-mail from anyone who remembers her. Her address is <fathjoe@aol.com>. My husband, Ron, and I have had two more children, Samaria and Angel. We live in Forest Park, Ill."

Megan Perry, after gaining experience through several jobs in both the film and music industries, is an assistant studio manager at NRG Recording Services in North Hollywood. She has worked with several artists including Fiona Apple, Beck, and Limp Bizkit.

Gina Temple student-taught in New Zealand, graduated from UMD with two degrees, and worked as a national park ranger in Wisconsin and Nebraska. "I recently returned north to work for the new Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth. Drop me a line at <templegs@hotmail.com>."

Jana Voss and **Patrick Jarvis** are married and live in Waseca. In 1999 Jana graduated from the UM School of Dentistry. She is a dentist in Waseca. Patrick is band director at Waldorf Middle School.

Amy (Carlquist) Wilwerding married Jerry on June 19, 1999. They live on a farm near Freeport where her husband runs a dairy operation. "I teach a grade three and four multi-age class in Sauk Centre and I am loving every minute of it (Well...ALMOST every minute!)." She is also involved with music and with the youth group at church.

CLASS OF '96

Mario Anchondo has made several changes within the last year. "I had my last name changed to my father's last name, **Vargas**. I am now executive director of Minnesota Hispanic Education Program, a youth development non-profit organization based in St. Paul. Last summer a friend and I launched a small marketing and consulting firm called Socios (Spanish for Partners) Consulting."

Michelle (Fick) Anderson and her husband, Michael, moved to Waconia in October. Michelle works with adults with disabilities for Choice, Inc. Michael is a pilot with Continental Express Airlines.

Melanie (Massingham) Chrast married Matt Chrast on June 12 and they have moved to Sartell. She is a computer support specialist for Coborn's Inc., in St. Cloud and can be reached by e-mail at <mchrast@cloudnet.com>.

Stephanie Fonder finished a M.S. in computer science. "I love my new job in automating submarine detection at Digital System Resources." She lives in Anaheim Hills, Cal.

Amy (Hanstad) and Ben Leonard '97 live in Fergus Falls and expect their first child in April. Ben is completing a M.A. from Arizona State and Amy works at a veterinary clinic.

Jessica Lindquist, a visitation coordinator for Shelter House, Inc., was named the 2000 Young Careerist by the Willmar Area Business and Professional Women. She lives in New London.

Meredith McEvoy works for the State Department and married a fellow foreign service officer, Bill Beardslee, in November. After 14 months in Haiti, she is posted in Frankfurt, Germany. "We will move to Mexico City in 2001." She would love to hear from classmates at <mcevoymc@state.gov>.

Brian Schwarz teaches English at a private language school in Lodz, Poland. Previously he taught at three high schools in Aichi Prefecture, Japan. He hopes to teach in South Korea or Taiwan this fall.

Krista (Bramer) and Matt Stuve '95 live in St. Paul. Krista travels all over the country with her job at Lawson Software. Matt graduated from the UM School of Dentistry in June and is practicing in Lindstrom. "Hello to Curteese, Sasquatch and Boy."

After receiving a master's in church leadership from Luther Seminary, St. Paul in December 1998, **Jennifer Swick** took a position as christian education director at All Saints Lutheran Church in Minnetonka. "I love my job and play basketball every chance I get." Jennifer lives in St. Louis Park.

Aaron Van Oort and his wife, Tracy, are expecting their first child in March. Starting next July, Aaron will spend one year clerking for US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Crystal Vasecka is finishing her master's in psychology at St. Mary's University of Minnesota and plans to pursue a career in grief counseling. She and her fiancée, John Clancy, will marry in August. They live in Lakeville and plan to stay there for awhile.

CLASS OF '97

Steve Amundsen, Dan Greenwood '00, John Hand '96, and Sven Olsen make up the band "Lifted," which plays "jazz-influence rock."

Their new CD is "Lazy Nightmare."

Erin Casey moved to Santa Clarita, Cal., and is employed in workforce development at Santa Clarita One Stop Career Center.

Lael Daire has been working at IBM, Rochester for three years and will marry **Jenna Erickson** in April.

Thea (Svingen) and Jon Fransen '98 were married on September 25 and live in Roseville. Thea is in her third year at UM Veterinary School and Jon is an executive with Target Corp.

Eric Johnson is working on a Ph.D. in rhetoric and composition at Purdue University. He teaches English composition and lives in West Lafayette, Ind.

Benjamin Leonard can be reached at: <history_nerd@hotmail.com> or by writing him at 716 West 7th Ave., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Jason Lina has been named editor of the *Morris Sun-Tribune*. He has reported for the paper for the last two-and-a-half years and lives in Cyrus.

Michelle Nahorniak can be reached at: <mnaehorniak@asu.edu> or by writing her at 441 S. Maple #81, Mesa, AR 85206.

Michael Pawlicki is a credit analyst at GE Capital in Eden Prairie. He lives in Richfield.

Lynn Pettis-Burgemeister married **Eric Burgemeister** on September 25. **Alissa Swenson '96** was a bridesmaid and **Amy Lamb** and **Dawn Busch** were personal attendants. Lynn works for Safeco Insurance Corp. in Denver. They live in Lakewood.

Jon Rondeau lives in Minneapolis. He finished his MBA last June and is engaged to be married in August 2001.

Kimberly (Anderson) Small received a juris doctor degree from William Mitchell College of Law on January 16. She won a CALI Award of Excellence in employment law while a student. She lives in Naperville, Ill., with her husband, James.

Allison Wangen "is making a difference in children's lives as a supervisor at Gerard, a residential treatment center for emotionally and behaviorally disturbed adolescents." She lives in Austin.

CLASS OF '98

Louise Ferry is an in-home family therapist with Counseling Associates in Benson and attends Alfred Adler Graduate School in Hopkins.

Siri Hakala "finally escaped Minnesota winters." She is pursuing a master's degree in marine mammal behavior and biology at the University of Washington.

city of Hawaii where she studies humpback whales.

Josie Hoffman was named one of the top 10 female athletes in the history of Minnewaska Area High School by *Pope County Tribune* sportswriter Paul Anderson. She is a counselor for teenagers at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Emily Lunz received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to pursue an honor's degree in international relations during the 2000 academic year. She is based at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa.

Bob Madsen is an agricultural loan representative at Bank Midwest of Jackson.

Charles McBroom was accepted to the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry and lives in Hillside, Ill.

Joanna Monson was promoted to senior buyer at God's World Book Club. She lives in Asheville, N.C., and on June 17 she will marry Mark Bolick.

Julie Davies Pagels and **Dave Pagels** were married August 7 in Duluth. **Cassie Eidem** was an attendant and **Eric Refsell '00, Jamie Gappa '00, Rob Whitebird '00, Tom Zakroczymski '99, and Nick Sanford '97** were groomsmen. **John Huberty '99** was an usher and **Amanda Hoff '97** was personal attendant. Dave is a district representative for Lutheran Brotherhood in Ashland, Wis. Julie is the outdoor recreation director for Telemark Resort in Cable, Wis. They live in Ashland.

Amy (Gingrich) married Matthew Schultz and they live in Duluth.

Faith (Middleton) and Andy Schulze were married on July 17 and live in Stillwater. Faith is finishing a master's degree in social work and Andy is a loan originator for Conesco Finance Corp. in Eagan.

Kari (Kollmann) and Michael Tauber '99 married on June 26. **Candice Kollmann '95** and **Corina Schwartz** were bridesmaids. **Justin Kassulke** was best man and **Todd Anderson '97** was a groomsmen. In the Rockford School District, Kari teaches fourth grade and Mike teaches geography. They live in New Hope.

Lisa Wehking married **Nathan Thorpe** on August 7 in Morris and they live on a farm near Canby. Lisa teaches third grade at Canby Elementary School.

CLASS OF '99

Rachel Flynn moved to Plymouth. She is audience services manager for Stages Theatre Company.

Kara Keenaghan can be reached

at: <kckeena@creighton.edu> or by writing her at 6325 Sprague St., Omaha, NE 68104.

Breanna Olson lives in Appleton and is a correctional officer at Prairie Correctional Facility.

Amanda and Ben Petefish-Schrag married on August 14. They live in Isanti. Ben teaches second grade at North Branch Primary School. Amanda is the director of the North Branch Area Community Theater's production of *Oklahoma!*

Erin (Savage) married Shawn Pritchett '98 on July 31. **Jennifer Hagstrom** and **Lindsay Jordan** were attendants. Erin attends the college of pharmacy at UM and is a pharmacy technician at NCS Health Care in Eagan. Shawn is completing graduate work at the UM Hubert H. Humphrey Institute for Public Affairs and is a consultant for the Midwestern Higher Education Commission. They live in Minneapolis.

Shannon Steinbring joined the Peace Corps and will be in Guyana, South America, for two years.

Alumni gather...

...in Alexandria...



CHANCELLOR SAM SCHUMAN AND NANCY SCHUMAN joined a group of alumni in March at the Carlos Creek Winery in Alexandria.

...in the Twin Cities...



SUSAN VON MOSCH '78, ST. PAUL, AND VIRGINIA BOEVER '77, ALEXANDRIA, enjoy the Twin Cities Area alumni event at Grandma's in February.

...in Washington, D.C....



SHELLY ZAGAROS '97, CHRISTINA MUEDEKING '92, AND JULIA MUEDEKING '00 smile for the camera at the nation's capitol alumni gathering in March.

University Seeks Honorary Degree and Outstanding Achievement Award Nominations

The University of Minnesota is celebrating its sesquicentennial (that's 150 years!) during 2001. University President Mark Yudof has invited each campus unit to nominate individuals for an Honorary Degree and/or Outstanding Achievement Award.

Honorary Degrees are awarded to individuals who have achieved acknowledged eminence in cultural affairs, in public service, or in a field of knowledge and scholarship. Recipients need not have been educated at or otherwise associated with the University of Minnesota.

Outstanding Achievement Awards may be conferred only on graduates or former students of the University who have attained unusual distinction in their chosen field or professions or in public service, and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership on a community, state, national, or international level. The candidate's education at the University should represent a significant portion of his or her total post-secondary education.

Honorary Degree and Outstanding Achievement Award nominees cannot be a current member of the University faculty or staff or a sitting regent. Retirees are eligible. Nominators must be alumni of the University or a current member of the faculty or staff. For additional information contact UMM's representative to the All-University Honors Committee, Jooinn Lee, at 109A Camden Hall, UMM, Morris, MN 56267, phone (320) 589-6200, or by email at <leejj@mrs.umn.edu> no later than August 15.

Want to learn more about what's happening with your University? Willing to serve your alma mater?

The Nominations Committee is looking for a "few good people" to serve on the UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Commitment includes:

- Ability to serve a three-year term and attend four meetings annually; three on campus and one in the Twin Cities
- Willingness to represent alumni point of view to UMM administration
- Willingness to serve on at least one board committee:

Nominations

Events

Bylaws

Executive

- Willingness to attend, support and participate in Alumni Association and UMM programs and activities

- Implementing the policies and goals of the UMM Alumni Association

If you are interested in serving your alma mater this way, contact Marty Wolf at 218-759-8380.

Make plans now to come back October 6-8 for **Homecoming 2000**



WERE YOU PART OF these Homecoming festivities in the 60s?

You won't want to miss Homecoming 2000 at UMM! We have a fun-filled weekend planned to make this a memorable event. There are many reasons to attend: a chance to see the new buildings and other campus improvements, meet Chancellor Sam Schuman and Nancy, current UMM students, and take part in the host of events scheduled for the weekend.

But the real reason you will want to return is to renew acquaintances with friends and faculty. This year we want to be sure you know who will be returning to campus. Knowing that your fellow classmates, roommates, or fraternity brothers are planning to attend is the true draw for any special event.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by:

E-mailing us at <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni>

Faxing us at (320) 589-6388

Phoning us at (320) 589-6066

Let your friends know you'll be here!

Check the web for attendee updates: <<http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/homecoming>>

Special activities:

•**Science Building Dedication** : See this new 60,000 square foot building

•**Science and Math reunion**: Since we're going to dedicate the building, we'll bring together all those who longed for it for so many years.

•**1960 First UMM Students' Reunion**: This fall marks the campus' 40th year. UMM's pioneers will gather.

•**Phi Mu Delta Reunion**: "Chapter meeting" and function. Come join the fun at the house.

•**EMT Reunion**

•**Alumni Art Exhibit**

•**Alumni Career Fair**

•**Alumni Association Annual Meeting**

•**Cougar football vs. Northern State University Wolves**

See you in October!!

All reunion alumni will receive a special invitation, along with a registration form and schedule of events. If you prefer to stay in a local hotel, please make reservations early.

Accommodations: Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Best Western Prairie Inn (320) 589-3030 and at the Super 8 (320) 589-8888. Please call the hotel directly and mention that you are coming for "UMM Homecoming."

"Thanks to the generosity and sweat of those who have built this place..."

- Chancellor Sam Schuman



FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE FIELD DAY Wednesday, October 13, 1955

On September 26, 1960, the first freshmen class entered the gates of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Fifty years before that, in 1910, the sons and daughters of the region's agricultural families made their mark in the buildings and classrooms, some that are still used today by UMM students, staff and faculty.

So we celebrate together, beginning this fall, the 40th birthday of the Morris campus of the University of Minnesota and the 90th birthday of the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA).

Along with these local celebrations, we mark the Sesquicentennial (150 years) of the entire University of Minnesota system.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Join us in this tribute year to those, in the words of Chancellor Schuman, "whose courage created this place...the citizens of west central Minnesota, our founding faculty and staff members, the first students who came to the campus..."

Events already scheduled for this fall will help to kick off a yearlong celebration of these important milestones in our history. Watch for more details.

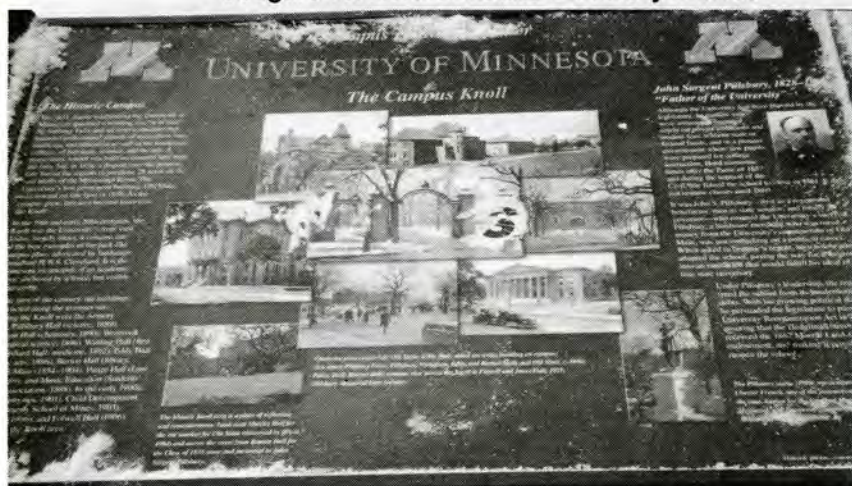
September 7 Inauguration of Chancellor Sam Schuman

September 7-8 University of Minnesota Board of Regents Visit

September 26 Founder's Day celebration at UMM

October 6-8 UMM Homecoming

- Science Building Dedication
- Science and Math Alumni Reunion
- UMM "First Students" Reunion
- Phi Mu Delta Reunion
- Stevens County Ambulance All-Staff Reunion
- Alumni Art Exhibit
- Alumni Career Fair
- Cougars vs. Northern State University Wolves



THE MORRIS CAMPUS will remember its heritage in one way by placing heritage markers similar to the one above on significant historical sites on the campus. Markers will feature facts that the campus community and campus visitors may not necessarily know.

A defining moment for UMM

Progress continues in UMM's historic fundraising campaign with gifts from donors totaling over \$4.5 million, announced Maddy Maxeiner, associate vice chancellor for external relations.

The future for our deserving students and our talented faculty and staff has never looked brighter.



Thanks to all of YOU!

Building a superior science program at UMM Final phase of UMM Science Project wins preliminary legislative support

A strong lobbying effort by UMM students, staff, alumni, and friends has won preliminary legislative support for the last phase of the Morris Science Project.

In April, both the Minnesota House and Senate approved an \$8.2 million renovation of the original science building. The renovation would correct health and safety problems in the 1960s-era building and refurbish 66,000 square feet of classroom space for geology, physics, mathematics, and computer science. It's the third and final phase of a \$36 million plan to improve science facilities at UMM.

The UMM request, part of a \$764 million Senate bonding bill and a \$532 million House bill, was stalled in conference committee when Profile went to press.

But chances appear good that the Legislature will provide funds for the project this year. Chancellor Sam Schuman said: "University President Mark Yudof recently told me that if there is a bonding bill to come out of the Legislature this session, UMM will be in it."

But the question is, will there be a bonding bill? And, if there is legislative passage, will Governor Ventura approve what the Legislature has agreed upon.

UMM's apparently favorable position at the Legislature is the result of "a prodigious effort by lots of people to make the strongest possible case for the project," Schuman said.

In early February, UMM alumni turned out in force for an Open House at the Capitol to promote the benefits of the project. A few weeks later, UMM students rallied at the Capitol in support of the request. Throughout the session, local citizens called on lawmakers in St. Paul, and hundreds of UMM alumni, parents, and friends sent letters and e-mails urging support for the Science Project.

Representative Torrey Westrom, Elbow Lake, and Senator Charlie Berg, Chokio, have also been strong advocates for the project, said Liz Morrison '74, co-chair of the West Central Educational Development Association, which works on behalf of UMM. The lobbying effort was also bolstered by financial contributions from area businesses and citizens, Morrison said.

Lawmakers have until May 22 to complete work on all spending and tax bills.



STATE OF THE ART SCIENCE A view of the new science building from Second Street offers a look at the observatory atop a grand entrance. The building will be dedicated on Saturday, Oct. 7, during Homecoming Weekend festivities.

Dennis Sayre

"UMM is the greatest place to work there is," said Dennis Sayre, lieutenant in Campus Security. Sayre, who has been head of the department since 1978 and employed at UMM since 1968, will retire at the end of this academic year.

He said he will be "basically taking the summer off to do things that have been put off, and watch TV."

Sayre entered law enforcement because "I enjoy helping people." "I have seen a drastic change in the students since I first started here. It used to be that all authority was the bad guys," he said.

At night was the best time to work, said Sayre, because that was when things "happen."

- Sara Reller

Fred Farrell

C. Frederick Farrell, Jr., chair of the Division of the Humanities and professor of French, will step down following 15 years as chair. He will continue in a teaching position. Farrell has been at UMM for 35 years.

"I have been very grateful to my colleagues for letting me have this opportunity to serve, but after 15 years it is important for other people to have that opportunity," said Farrell. "It has been a very good, very exciting 15 years."

Jenny Nellis will assume the position of chair. Nellis is currently professor of studio art and assistant academic dean of student affairs. The position of division chair is reviewed and renewed every five years.

- Sara Reller

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semester conversion and the PeopleSoft system are uppermost among the changes Kleespies noted.

"We used to have more staff," said Kleespies, "but it's been enjoyable all along." Kleespies has formed attachments to UMM's students over the years. Students who have worked in the Business Office still stop by or send postcards and photos.

While working at UMM, Kleespies was able to take advantage of the university's Regents Scholarship. She earned 53 credits taking accounting, psychology and English composition courses. As part of a geology class, she took a bus trip to Alaska for credit.

Kleespies, who will turn 65 in August, said of her decision to retire: "You either think about it and get out, or you stay forever." In addition, she and husband, Larry, want to be gone longer during the winter months and it's hard to get away for long vacations when one is working. Traveling will be one of the pleasures of retirement, said Shirley. And, spending time with her three children and nine grandchildren: Steve and Julie Kleespies (Jenny, Jeremy and Mitchell); Robin and Joe McNally (Levi, Ryan and Tyler); and Cindy and Kurt Nelson (Christopher, Derek and Marina). Larry, who still does some tree transplanting, has planted some of the trees along the Morris campus "memorial tree walkway," leading from East 7th Street to the campus.

"I have been blessed by having such a neat office to work in all these years," said Kleespies. "This is a special place to work; this Business Office and my co-workers and bosses have been an important part of my life."

Does Kleespies have any advice to leave her fellow employees or her possible replacement?

"Anyone who replaces me will have a great office to work in," said Kleespies. "Enjoy your work; you are dedicated to your employer. Take your responsibilities with a happy heart."

Oh, one more thing, Kleespies added with her ready smile:

"I hope they ask me back for part-time work!"

- Judy Riley



THIRD FLOOR BEHMLER STAFFERS Sarah Mattson, Mary "Cougar" Zosel, and Jenny Quam visit University Relations during "Random Acts of Kindness Day." The idea of UMM student, Josh Ensrud, Anoka, encouraged the campus community to pass along acts of kindness to others.



KEVIN BRUSTUEN AND MELISSA BAYERL

Alumni Annual Giving

Have you ever wondered where the Morris campus gets its money?

No, you might say. UMM is a public liberal arts college, so they get as much money as they need from the state.

Not entirely true.

Indeed, the state provides money to maintain the institution, and, as in the case of the recent Morris Science Project, additional funding for major campus improvements is occasionally requested from the state.

But there's another way, used only since 1992, in which UMM can raise funds to enhance the excellence of the institution while, at the same time, remain connected to its alumni and graduates. It's called the Alumni Annual Giving Program (AAG).

As associate development officer and as Phonathon director — UMM alum and current student, respectively — Kevin Brustuen '98 and Melissa Bayerl '99 (Princeton) make a pretty formidable team, coordinating the AAG by working with current students to keep in touch with UMM alumni and graduates, and to plant the seed for a lifetime of special relationships and philanthropic activity.

"Gifts to UMM, received through Alumni Annual Giving," said Brustuen, "are the backbone of alumni programming and support students both individually and organizationally throughout the campus." Alumni may choose to direct their gifts to a variety of different funds that range from student organizations to scholarship funds, UMM disciplines to athletic programs.

Within AAG, donations may be distributed to such areas as the Alumni Annual Fund, an existing scholarship such as the Clyde Johnson Music Scholarship or The Imholte Scholarship, or the UMM football program.

Alumni gifts designated to the Alumni Annual Fund are pooled to form the collective philanthropic arm of the UMM Alumni Association. These funds are distributed to a variety of projects, and activities, including: Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award, *Profile* publication, Alumni Network, Regional Alumni events, Alumni Career Fair, Homecoming events/reunions, and grants to student organizations.

The Alumni Annual Fund enriches the partnership between UMM and its alumni and strengthens the liberal arts educational experience for current students.

The AAG plan is to contact every UMM graduate by postcard, letter or, as Bayerl can tell you, by telephone. Says Brustuen: "Donors (from last year and past years) total 2,003. To date, nearly 100 percent (2300 by telephone, 2340 by mail) of UMM graduates have been contacted."

Bayerl directs a permanent group of seven current UMM students who work three nights per week. In addition, volunteer student organizations such as those from the Concert Choir, the French Club or the Biology Club call as a fundraiser for their organization. Overall, callers are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. If alumni cannot be reached by telephone or do not wish to be called, a mailing is sent.

Why should people give to the Alumni Annual Giving Program?

"While the government helps some to maintain the institution at its current level, by giving, you help make this college better...you help us to grow to become 'The Best Public Liberal Arts College in America,'" said Bayerl. She speaks enthusiastically about her Phonathon role and of the experience of UMM students, current and past, making a connection.

"It's great!" said Bayerl. "The Phonathon is not just to raise money. Beyond that and updating our alumni database, the most important part is making that connection." Alumni, who are "extremely loyal and nice," said Bayerl, love talking to current students and the reverse is true too. They talk about athletics, their majors, their hometowns, and the UMM experience. Callers give information over the phone regarding alumni events, general campus news and activities, and invite alumni to return to the campus for a visit. "We give them reasons to come back," said Bayerl.

Bayerl has her own opinion of why Morris is a special place. During a recent job interview, she was told, "You're going to Morris?; you've got the job!"

"Morris gets you places!" she affirmed.

For more information about the Alumni Annual Giving Program, contact Kevin Brustuen, Office of Alumni Relations/Fund Development, <brustukp@mrs.umn.edu> or call (320)589-6066.

- Judy Riley

Athletics Update

Mark Fohl, Director of Athletics



Mark Fohl

For the first time in its history, UMM will award athletic aid in the 2000-2001 school year. As mentioned in a previous column, as a result of deliberations by an Athletic Task Force, a Special Talent Fund for Athletic and Co-Curricular Scholarships was established last year. The fund was created in order to supplement the financial aid awarded to athletes and other students with special talents.

It was determined that 75 percent of the funds awarded would go to athletes and 25 percent would be used for co-curricular scholarships. Deserving athletes would also be eligible to receive co-curricular scholarships.

This year has been spent working to raise money to create a foundation for the fund, and a substantial portion of the money that has been raised has been invested in an endowment, a wise plan for the future, in my opinion, to invest in an endowment fund at the beginning of the process. Eventually, in-

terest earned from the endowment fund will provide an additional resource for scholarships. Fundraising has been successful, but more funds are needed. Contact me or Maddy Maxeiner if you'd like to contribute.

Athletic aid in the amount of \$19,000 will be awarded for 2000-2001. Obviously, our athletic aid awards will be modest in the beginning. As a result of granting athletic aid, we expect to see improvement in our ability to be competitive; however, we know that these modest awards will not lead to instant success.

Not all sports at UMM will have budgets for athletic aid for next year. It was determined that three sports for men and three sports for women will initially be permitted to grant athletic aid. As the fund grows, we hope to gradually be able to offer athletic aid to athletes in all sports. One of the most difficult decisions that our coaches have had to make is deciding how much aid to grant to current players and how much is used in the recruiting process. As of this writing, aid has been offered and accepted by both returning athletes and incoming freshmen.

We greatly appreciate the contributions to the fund that many of you have made. Our commitment to you is that we will use your money wisely.

Tracking the Cougars

A Brief Look at Cougar Athletics

Men's Basketball

Jim Severson's young Cougars finished their season with a record of 1-17 in the NSIC, 3-24 overall.

Women's Basketball

Cougar women, under first-year head coach Denise Sandifar, completed their season 1-17 in the NSIC, 3-24 overall.

Wrestling

Post-season wrestling awards: Koslowski Trophy, Israel Award, Plato Award: Randy Rager, Pequot Lakes; Outstanding Freshman Award: Joel Fugleberg, Roseau; Verne Chandler "Cougar Pride" Award: Brian Eddy, Goodrich, Mich.; Most Improved Wrestler: Jeffrey Stewart, Chicago, Ill. Two wrestlers earned NCAA II Academic All-American honors: Kris Hjelmeland, Jordan; and Randy Rager.

Baseball

Returning starters include: Ed Cox, Hutchinson; Nate Brinkman, Hutchinson; Dan Starken, Paynesville; Dave Schaefer, Hutchinson; Dave Logan, St. Paul;

Jason Mix, Windom; Andy Vacek, Brownton; Keith Kinsley, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Eric Gorman, Minneapolis; Ryan Haraldson, Elbow Lake; and Dan O'Brien, New Ulm. Veterans Josh Hagg, Eden Valley; and Corey Louwagie, Milroy, expect to see a lot of action during the season. Morris finished 5-37 overall and 4-15 in the NSIC last year.

Fastpitch

Under leadership of senior captains Shannon Pohlmeier (returning catcher), Winthrop, and Holly Winkelman, Pequot Lakes, the Cougars completed a six-week fall season which included two victories over the alumni team. Senior third baseman, Winkelman was voted Most Improved Player of the 1999 season and led the team in assists (57). Returning juniors are first baseman, Sarah Dunleavy, St. Paul; shortstop Kari Wichterman, Hutchinson; and outfielders Kirsten Myren, Miltona; and Lori Buchheim, Chester, S.D. Dunleavy led the team in batting average (.300), hits (24), RBIs (16) and put-outs (179).

Athletic aid in the form of Special Talent Scholarships to begin next year

"Cougar fans with aspirations for the future of Cougar athletics have a unique opportunity to step up and participate in an innovative scholarship program at the University of Minnesota, Morris," said Maddy Maxeiner, associate vice chancellor for external relations and director of fund development.

An initiative at UMM will soon reward incoming and current students who are talented in athletics as well as in academics and the arts. A Special Talent Fund for Athletic and Co-Curricular Scholarships, begun in July 1999 and created through gifts from donors, will provide "renewable scholarships for current and incoming students whose record of excellence in athletics, the arts, or academic activities outside of the classroom merit special recognition."

Already, funds have been allocated to coaches, said Chancellor Sam Schuman.

"Saving roughly one quarter of the funds already received, for non-athletic and special talent awards, we split the remaining funds in half and set aside money to build future scholarships," said Schuman. The remaining funds received so far have been given to coaches to be awarded for the 2000-2001 academic year, equally divided between men's and women's sports, said Schuman.

"We anticipate some additional significant gifts within the next year," said Schuman.

"It's important at a high quality college to offer athletic opportunities," said Schuman. "If we're going to have athletics at UMM, and be competitive in our league, we need to offer some sort of athletic aid. We shouldn't have a poor quality program of any sort at UMM."

While the athletic department will begin giving small awards to athletes next year — athletic aid will be granted in three men's sports and three women's sports in the beginning — Mark Fohl, director of athletics, said that funds for athletics have been placed into an endowment, to accrue interest which will be used to provide scholarships in the future. The intention, he said, is that as the fund grows, athletics can expand the number of athletes in the number of sports who receive aid.

"We're not trying to create a 'quick fix,' but a program that can sustain itself and grow," said Fohl. "We won't have instant success, but we expect to become more competitive with this athletic aid. A lot is learned from athletic participation; the ability to be competitive brings the greatest value."

"It's a unique plan suited to a school that is unique," said Schuman. "This program will hopefully lead to a significant upgrading of the athletic program."

"This is a 'golden' opportunity," added Maxeiner, "to help our coaches in their recruitment and retention of talented student athletes."

While money received so far is being put to good use, more money is needed.

Those who wish to make a difference by contributing to the Special Talent Fund for Athletic and Co-Curricular Scholarships, may contact Maddy Maxeiner, at (320) 589-6386.

- Judy Riley

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team was selected for the fourth time in four years as an All-American Academic NCAA II Cross Country Team by the NCAA II Cross Country Coaches Association. Posting a team GPA of 3.52, to finish 15th in the nation among NCAA II schools,

are team members Camille Flanders, Paynesville; Katie Forbes, Litchfield; Alissa Hatcher, Loretto; Kari Jacobson, Chaska; Kristi Jensen, Langford, S.D.; Leah Regenold, Minnetonka; Alicia Reyes, Fridley; Lisa Rousseau, Two Harbors; Kristi Wibben, Eden Prairie; and Sarah Witt, Henning.

Jon Anderson Receives Alumni Association Teaching Award

Jon E. Anderson, associate professor of mathematics, has received the 2000 UMM Alumni Association Teaching Award. Thanks to the generosity of the UMM Alumni Association, the Morris campus recognizes its professors for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education through this annual award, first given in 1997.

Generally, faculty who have been at UMM for at least three years may be nominated for this award. Recipients receive \$1,000; in addition, the recipient's academic discipline will be given \$500 to be used by the recipient. (In the case of Anderson the discipline is science and mathematics.)



In their letter of nomination, faculty members, Andy Lopez, professor of computer science; Engin Sungur, associate professor of mathematics; and UMM statistics major, Gina Garding '99, said, "...Dr. Jon Anderson is a rare jewel that shines even in an institution that is blessed with an unusually high number of gifted teachers. He helps his students to gain their confidence with his relaxed and informal style and leads

them to success with various innovative techniques and tools.

"His endless energy, enthusiasm, personality, and knowledge continuously make a huge positive impact on the academic success of his undergraduate students."

Anderson joined the UMM faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics in 1994. Prior to coming to UMM, he was an assistant professor of statistics at the University of Georgia.

Anderson holds a doctoral degree in biostatistics, a master's degree in statistics, and a bachelor's degree in economics, all from the University of Minnesota.

"At an institution with so many great instructors, it is truly an honor to receive this award," said Anderson. "Thanks to my family, students, colleagues, administrators, and staff for continuing to help me develop as a faculty member."



Peh Ng Receives Horace T. Morse-University Alumni Award

Associate professor of mathematics, Peh Ng, is among eight recipients university wide of the prestigious Horace T. Morse-University of Minnesota Alumni Award. The award is presented as a mark of excellence in undergraduate teaching.

"Peh Ng is an exciting, challenging and imaginative teacher, who brings out the best in her students and is beloved by them," said Chancellor Sam Schuman. "I am very pleased by her selection for this honor, but not in the least surprised that her excellence in the classroom has been recognized by the University of Minnesota."

The award, named for a former dean of General College, was previously supported by the Amoco Foundation. The Senate Committee on Educational Policy conducts the award program to provide tangible all-university recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their strong commitment and outstanding contributions to 1998-1999 undergraduate education.

Taken from the nomination statement presented by several UMM students, faculty, staff: "Dr. Ng is tireless in her commitment to teaching, education and mentorship of undergraduate students. This commitment ranges well beyond the walls of the classroom, the boundaries of the mathematics discipline or the Division of Science and Mathematics, such that her contributions to the students of UMM have been truly campuswide."

Said one student: "She teaches a subject that is often avoided or even feared, and makes it fun to learn...her expectations are high, and she helps us live up to them."

The award, made possible by the U of M Alumni Association and the University, also signals pending induction into the new U of M Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Recipients receive an engraved sculpture, lapel pin, and a certificate. In addition, each awardee receives a \$3,000 continuous augmentation to their annual salary during their U of M faculty career and \$1,500 to their discipline for five years for their own professional use.

Faculty and Staff

Longtime secretary in the Division of Science and Mathematics, **Lois Hogander**, passed away March 8.

Jess Larson, assistant professor of studio art, is one of five recipients of a 1999-2000 Jerome Book Arts Fellowship for "Girl Cards."

Lori Koshork accepted the position as counselor in the Student Counseling office.

Joel Eisinger, associate professor of art history, was named permanent editor of *exposure*, the journal of the Society for Photographic

Education and the only academic journal of photography in the United States. SPE is the national professional organization for such people as historians, curators, and university teachers of photography.

Roger McCannon, director of University College and the Center for Small Towns, is the recipient of the University's Academic Staff Award given each year to a member of the academic professional and administrative staff who has made a distinguished contribution to the mission of the University of Minnesota.

UMM among "most wired"

UMM is listed as one of the "100 Most Wired Colleges" in the May 2000 issue of *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine, a widely-read general interest Internet magazine.

Among the reasons YIL selected UMM as number 24 of 50 top "colleges and baccalaureate schools" are the wired residence halls, generous policies with regard to server space for students, online registration and other student services, high-bandwidth Internet connection, high proportion of new equipment in labs, free printing, liberal email policies, and student input into the technology fee. A low overall student technology fee, used efficiently and effectively, also contributed to the UMM ranking.

Data for the magazine's chart came from an electronic survey, completed for UMM in January by John Bowers, director of computing services.

While the survey is primarily accurate, said Bowers, some of the comments in conjunction with the list reflect inaccuracies about UMM technology. For example, said Bowers, "we do have an electronic application form at UMM."

Cornerstone

A Look Back at Historical Highlights of UMM

Mike Larson '67 writes:

I graduated from UMM in 1967 with a biology major and phy ed minor. In 1973, I received my master's of natural science at the University of Oklahoma. I have taught biology, life science and environmental science at Wheaton, Minnesota, for the last 33 years.

I and all the other college freshman entering UMM in the fall of 1962 faced two unusual campus social life dilemmas...Because the school had begun only two years before there were no seniors. Could a school survive with no senior leadership? To this day, some members of UMM's first graduating class think the "senior year" is the last two years of their college careers!

Ponder for the next issue:

The Morris campus celebrates its 40th year in 2000; the West Central School of Agriculture its 90th. Can you relate an interesting anecdote from the past? We'll be including as many as we can in each issue of *Profile* throughout the 2000-2001 school year.

Send your answer to *Profile*, Office of University Relations, 11 Education, UMM, Morris, MN 56267-2134 or e-mail <rileyjk@mrs.umn.edu>



THE OFFICIAL PEP CLUB was organized in the fall of 1967. According to the 1967 *Venture*: "The group was responsible for behind-the-scene work on posters, pep rallies, button sales, and all events concerning school spirit."



TWIN CITIES ALUMNI EVENT Twin Cities area alumni gathered at Grandma's in February. L-R: Margaret Jeffers '98, Minneapolis; Tinisha (Dow) Davis '98, Minneapolis; Ron Morris '99, Morris (minority alumni program coordinator); Rueben Davis '98, Minneapolis.

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Profile on the Web

Read current and past issues of *Profile* on the Web. Access path is UMM homepage/Campus Services/University Relations.

Calendar of Events

At the University of Minnesota, Morris and Elsewhere

May 11	Student Honors and Awards	September 7	Chancellor Inauguration
May 12	Commencement	September 7-8	University of Minnesota Board of Regents Visit
June 9	UMM Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing Pheasant Run Golf Course, Rogers, Minn.	September 26	Founder's Day at UMM
July 14	Second Annual Friends of Football Golf Outing Lynx National, Sauk Centre, Minn.	October 6-8	UMM Homecoming --Science Building Dedication --Science and Math Alumni Reunion --UMM "First Students" Reunion --Phi Mu Delta Reunion --Stevens County Ambulance All-Staff Reunion --Alumni Art Exhibit --Alumni Career Fair --Cougars vs. Northern State University Wolves
July 17-18	West Central School of Agriculture Alumni Reunion Special Reunions for Classes of '45, '50, '55, '60	Please let us know if you plan to attend by: e-mailing us at http://www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni	
August 28	•Classes Begin •University of Minnesota Sesquicentennial Year Begins		

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